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Florida House Passes Student Success and Teacher Quality Bill

Tallahassee, Fla. – Florida House Majority Leader Carlos Lopez-Cantera (R-Miami) today issued the following statement regarding the Florida House passing CS/CS/SB 736 Education Personnel on Student Success and Teacher Quality.

"I am proud the Florida House is committed to excellence in education and has worked diligently to pass this significant piece of legislation. This bill is about giving every child in every community the chance at a better future. It's about giving every child the opportunity to succeed.

"Most of our teachers work tirelessly to provide a quality education environment for our students – teachers who go above and beyond the call of duty. These teachers deserve higher salaries for a job well done. What we ask in return is to see that our children are improving, to see that they make continual progress. Our children deserve better than the status quo.

"In a land of great economic opportunity, where hard work and ingenuity allow anyone to succeed regardless of circumstance, it is unfathomable that we would leave our children's opportunity for a better future to random chance rather than measured excellence.

"This legislation properly rewards those successful teachers and keeps them in the classrooms with students who need them the most. I look forward to seeing Governor Scott sign this vital piece of education reform into law."